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West Milford Resident Indicted on Firearms Charges

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — A 41 year old West Milford, West Virginia, resident was named in an Indictment returned on January 8, 2008, by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that ROBERT WALLS was named in a five-count Indictment. Counts One and Three of the Indictment allege that WALLS did steal and carry away firearms from federally licensed firearms dealers on October 7, 2007, in Clarksburg, and on November 4, 2007, in Buckhannon. Counts Two and Four of the Indictment allege that WALLS possessed, sold, and disposed of stolen firearms on October 8, 2007, in Clarksburg, and on November 16, 2007, in Clarksburg. Count Five of the Indictment alleges that WALLS made false statements and representations about his theft and possession of a firearm referenced in the Indictment.

If convicted, WALLS faces a maximum exposure of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 each on Counts One, Two, Three, and Four of the Indictment; and a maximum exposure of five years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 on Count Five of the Indictment.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Shawn Angus Morgan. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives.

It should be noted that the charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations and not evidence of guilt, and that each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.